preparation was signed by M/s. Pawan Hans Ltd. with M/s. Aerospatiale of France. These helicopters are, therefore, being received by M/s. Pawan Hans Ltd.

Cancellation of Inter City train, between Rajkot and Ahmedabad

*23. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Inter City train between Rajkot and Ahmedabad have been suspended/cancelled without notice; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there was a public demand to extend this train upto Baroda and assurances were given by Government to do so;

(c) whether this cancellation has evoked public protests and whether in view thereof it is proposed to restore the service; if so; from when;

(d) what were the occupancy figures in respect of this train for the preceeding six months; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the 'season ticket' holders are harassed and are not even getting refund of unutilised period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (c) The train was temporarily cancelled from 5.2.88 and has been restored from 15.2.88. Notice of cancellation was given through station notice board, and through announcements on public address system.

(b) The Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee of Rajkot Division had discussed this proposal, but did not recommend it.

(d) Occupancy census is taken once in six months. As per October, 1987 census the number of passengers and percentage occupation figures were as under:

Section	No. of passengers		Occupation %	
	I	II	I	II
153 *Ahmedabad-Rajkot Express* :				
Ahmedabad-Viramgam	17	511	47	72
Viramgam-Surendranagar	16	499	44	70
Surendranagar-Wankaner	12	435	33	61
Wankaner-Rajkot	15	236	42	33
154 *Rajkot-Ahmadabad Express* :				
Rajkot-Wankaner	13	420	36	53
Wankaner-Surendranagar	8	291	22	41
Surendranagar-Viramgam	8	401	22	56
Viramgam-Ahmedabad	16	606	44	85

Due to poor occupancy, the composition of the train was reduced from 17 to 10 coaches. Even with this reduced composition, occupation has been poor except between Ahmedabad and Surendranagar.

(e) Season tickets are not issued for any specific train and passengers are free to travel by any train unless it is otherwise restricted.

Agreement signed with all India Federation of University and College Teachers Organisations

*29. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not honoured the commitment given to the All India Federation of University and College Teachers Organisation, as per agreement signed on the 4th September, 1987;

(b) what were the main points of agreement between Government and AIFUCTO and whether the same were to be finalised for formal orders within two months; and

(c) whether Government are aware of a prolonged agitation threatened by the teachers and if so, what action Government have taken and propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The specific commitments made by the Central Government were communicated to all Central Universities and the State Governments through a D.O. letter dated 7-9-1987. The modified scheme has been implemented by the Central Universities. The question of institution of a selection grade for lecturers, which was left for further consultation has since been considered. The recommendations of the UGC to institute a selection grade equivalent to that of a Reader, namely, Rs. 3700—5700, is in the process of finalisation. Thereafter the Government proposes to communicate a revised scheme incorporating all the modifications.

(c) The AIFUCTO has been requesting that the modified Government order should be issued as early as possible. They also held a demonstration in Delhi on January 18, 1988 in press their demand.

Vidya Sagar University

*30. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vidya Sagar University in Midnapore district of West Bengal has not been recognised by the University Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SAHI): (a) The Vidya Sagar University, Midnapore has not yet been declared fit by the UGC to receive Central assistance as per Section 12(B) of the UGC Act.

(b) The UGC has made several suggestions for amendment to the Act of the Vidya Sagar University. The Government of West Bengal has informed the Commission that certain suggestions made by the UGC for amendment to the provisions relating to appointment of the Vice-Chancellor and the composition of the Executive Council of the University are not acceptable to them.